# VIRGINIA CHARTERS.

## NUMBER I.

King JAMES I.'s LETTERS PATENT to Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, and others, for two ſeveral Colonies and Plantations, to be made in VIRGINIA, and other Parts and Territories of AMERICA. Dated April 10, 1606.

I. JAMES, by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. Whereas our loving and well diſpoſed ſubjects, Sir Thomas Gates, and Sir George Somers, Knights, Richard Hackluit, Clerk, Prebendary of Weſtminſter, and Edward-Maria Wingfield, Thomas Hanham, and Ralegh Gilbert, Eſqrs. William Parker and George Popham, Gentlemen, and divers others of our loving ſubjects, have been humble ſuitors unto us, that We would vouchſafe unto them our licence, to make habitation, plantation, and to deduce a colony of ſundry of our people into that part of America, commonly called Virginia, and other parts and territories in America, either appertaining unto us, or which are not now actually poſſeſſed by any chriſtian prince or people, ſituate, lying, and being all along the ſea coaſts, between four-and-thirty degrees of northerly latitude from the equinoctial line, and five-and-forty degrees of the ſame latitude, and in the main land between the ſame four-and-thirty and five-and-forty degrees, and the iſlands thereunto adjacent, or within one hundred miles of the coaſt thereof.

II. And to that end, and for the more ſpeedy accompliſhment of their ſaid intended plantation and habitation there, are deſirous to divide themſelves into two ſeveral colonies and companies: the one conſiſting of certain Knights, gentlemen, merchants, and other adventurers, of our city of London and elſewhere, which are, and from time to time ſhall be, joined unto them, which do deſire to begin their plantation and habitation in ſome fit and convenient place, between four-and-thirty and one-and-forty degrees of the ſaid latitude, along the coaſts of Virginia and coaſts of America aforeſaid; and, the other conſiſting of ſundry Knights, gentlemen, merchants, and other adventurers, of our cities of Briſtol and Exeter, and of our town of Plymouth, and of other places, which do join themſelves unto that colony, which do deſire to begin their plantation and habitation in ſome fit and convenient place, between eight-and-thirty degrees and five-and-forty degrees of the ſaid latitude, all along the ſaid coaſt of Virginia and America, as that coaſt lieth.

III. We, greatly commending, and graciouſly accepting of, their deſires for the furtherance of ſo noble a work, which may, by the providence of Almighty God, hereafter tend to the glory of his divine Majeſty, in propagating of chriſtian religion to ſuch people, as yet live in darkneſs and miſerable ignorance of the true knowledge and worſhip of God, and may in time bring the infidels and ſavages, living in thoſe parts, to human civility, and to a ſettled and quiet government; Do, by theſe our letters patents, graciouſly accept of, and agree to, their humble and well intended deſires.

IV. And do therefore, for Us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, Grant and agree, that the ſaid Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, Richard Hackluit, and Edward-Maria Wingfield, adventurers of and for our city of London, and all ſuch others, as are, or ſhall be, joined unto them of that colony, ſhall be called the firſt colony; and they ſhall and may begin their ſaid firſt plantation and habitation, at any place upon the ſaid coaſt of Virginia or America, where they ſhall think fit and convenient, between the ſaid four-and-thirty and one-and-forty degrees of the ſaid latitude; and that they ſhall have all the lands, woods, ſoil, grounds, havens, ports, rivers, mines, minerals, marſhes, waters, fiſhings, commodities, and hereditaments, whatſoever, from the ſaid firſt ſeat of their plantation and habitation by the ſpace of fifty miles of Engliſh ſtatute meaſure, all along the ſaid coaſt of Virginia and America, towards the weſt and ſouthweſt, as the coaſt lieth, with all the iſlands within one hundred miles directly over againſt the ſame ſea coaſt; and alſo all the lands, ſoil, grounds, havens, ports, rivers, mines, minerals, woods, waters, marſhes, fiſhings, commodities, and hereditaments, whatſoever, from the ſaid place of their firſt plantation and habitation for the ſpace of fifty like Engliſh miles, all along the ſaid coaſts of Virginia and America, towards the eaſt and north-eaſt, or towards the north, as the coaſt lieth, together with all the iſlands within one hundred miles, directly over againſt the ſaid ſea coaſt; and alſo all the lands, woods, ſoil, grounds, havens, ports, rivers, mines, minerals, marſhes, waters, fiſhings, commodities, and hereditaments, whatſoever, from the ſame fifty miles every way on the ſea coaſt, directly into the main land by the ſpace of one hundred like Engliſh miles; and ſhall and may inhabit and remain there; and ſhall and may alſo build and fortify within any the ſame, for their better ſafeguard and defence, according to their beſt diſcretion, and the diſcretion of the Council of that colony; and that no other of our ſubjects ſhall be permitted, or ſuffered, to plant or inhabit behind, or on the backſide of them, towards the main land, without the expreſs licence or conſent of the Council of that colony, thereunto in writing firſt had and obtained.

V. And we do likewiſe, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, by theſe preſents, Grant and agree, that the ſaid Thomas Hanham, and Ralegh Gilbert, William Parker and George Popham, and all others of the town Plymouth in the county of Devon, or elſewhere, which are, or ſhall be, joined unto them of that colony, ſhall be called the ſecond colony: and that they ſhall and may begin their ſaid plantation and ſeat of their firſt abode and habitation, at any place upon the ſaid coaſt of Virginia and America, where they ſhall think fit and convenient, between eight-and-thirty degrees of the ſaid latitude, and five-and-forty degrees of the ſame latitude; and that they ſhall have all the lands, ſoils, grounds, havens, ports, rivers, mines, minerals, woods, marſhes, waters, fiſhings, commodities, and hereditaments, whatſoever, from the firſt ſeat of their plantation and habitation by the ſpace of fifty like Engliſh miles, as is aforeſaid, all along the ſaid coaſts of Virginia and America, towards the weſt and ſouthweſt, or towards the ſouth, as the coaſt lieth, and all the iſſands within one hundred miles, directly over againſt the ſaid ſea coaſt; and alſo all the lands, ſoils, grounds, havens, ports, rivers, mines, minerals, woods, marſhes, waters, fiſhings, commodities, and hereditaments, whatſoever, from the ſaid place of their firſt plantation and habitation for the ſpace of fifty like miles, all along the ſaid coaſt of Virginia and America, towards the eaſt and north-eaſt, or towards the north, as the coaſt lieth, and all the iſlands alſo within one hundred miles directly over againſt the ſame ſea coaſt; and alſo all the lands, ſoils, grounds, havens, ports, rivers, woods, mines, minerals, marſhes, waters, fiſhings, commodities, and hereditaments, whatſoever, from the ſame fifty miles every way on the ſea coaſt, directly into the main land, by the ſpace of one hundred like Engliſh miles; and ſhall and may inhabit and remain there; and ſhall and may alſo build and fortify within any the ſame for their better ſafeguard, according to their beſt diſcretion, and the diſcretion of the Council of that colony; and that none of our ſubjects ſhall be permitted, or ſuffered, to plant or inhabit behind, or on the back of them, towards the main land, without the expreſs licence of the Council of that colony, in writing thereunto firſt had and obtained.

VI. Provided always, and our will and pleaſure herein is, that the plantation and habitation of ſuch of the ſaid colonies, as ſhall laſt plant themſelves, as aforeſaid, ſhall not be made within one hundred like Engliſh miles of the other of them, that firſt began to make their plantation, as aforeſaid.

VII. And we do alſo ordain, eſtabliſh, and agree, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, that each of the ſaid colonies ſhall have a council, which ſhall govern and order all matters and cauſes, which ſhall ariſe, grow, or happen, to or within the ſame ſeveral colonies, according to ſuch laws, ordinances, and inſtructions, as ſhall be, in that behalf, given and ſigned with our hand or ſign manual, and paſs under the privy ſeal of our realm of England; each of which Councils ſhall conſiſt of thirteen perſons, to be ordained, made, and removed, from time to time, according as ſhall be directed and compriſed in the ſame inſtructions; and ſhall have a ſeveral ſeal, for all matters that ſhall paſs or concern the ſame ſeveral Councils; each of which ſeals ſhall have the king's arms engraven on the one ſide thereof, and his portraiture on the other; and that the ſeal for the Council of the ſaid firſt colony ſhall have engraven round about, on the one ſide, theſe words; *Sigillum Regis Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ*; on the other ſide this inſcription, round about; *Pro Concilio primæ Coloniæ Virginiæ*. And the ſeal for the Council of the ſaid ſecond colony ſhall alſo have engraven round about the one ſide thereof, the aforeſaid words; *Sigillum Regis Magnæ, Britanniæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ*; and on the other ſide; *Pro Concilio ſecundæ Coloniæ Virginiæ*.

VIII. And that alſo there ſhall be a Council eſtabliſhed here in England, which ſhall, in like manner, conſiſt of thirteen perſons, to be, for that purpoſe, appointed by Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, which ſhall be called our Council of Virginia; and ſhall, from time to time, have the ſuperior managing and direction, only of and for all matters, that ſhall or may concern the government, as well of the ſaid ſeveral colonies, as of and for any other part or place, within the aforeſaid precincts of four-and-thirty and five-and-forty degrees, abovementioned; which Council ſhall, in like manner, have a ſeal, for matters concerning the Council or colonies, with the like arms and portraiture, as aforeſaid, with this inſcription, engraven round about on the one ſide; *Sigillum Regis Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ*; and round about the other ſide, *Pro Concilio ſuo Virginiæ*.

IX. And moreover, we do Grant and agree, for Us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, that the ſaid ſeveral Councils, of and for the ſaid ſeveral colonies, ſhall and lawfully may, by virtue hereof, from time to time, without any interruption of Us, our heirs or ſucceſſors, give and take order, to dig, mine, and ſearch for all manner of mines of gold, ſilver, and copper, as well within any part of their ſaid ſeveral colonies, as of the ſaid main lands on the backſide of the ſame colonies; and to have and enjoy the gold, ſilver, and copper, to be gotten thereof, to the uſe and behoof of the ſame colonies, and the plantations thereof; yielding therefore, to Us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, the fifth part only of all the ſame gold and ſilver, and the fifteenth part of all the ſame copper, ſo to be gotten or had, as is aforeſaid, without any other manner of profit or account, to be given or yielded to Us, our heirs, or ſucceſſors, for or in reſpect of the ſame.

X. And that they ſhall, or lawfully may, eſtabliſh and cauſe to be made a coin, to paſs current there between the people of thoſe ſeveral colonies, for the more eaſe of traffic and bargaining between and amongſt them and the natives there, of ſuch metal, and in ſuch manner and form, as the ſaid ſeveral Councils there ſhall limit and appoint.

XI. And we do likewiſe, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, by theſe preſents, give full power and authority to the ſaid Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, Richard Hackluit, Edward-Maria Wingfield, Thomas Hanham, Ralegh Gilbert, William Parker, and George Popham, and to every of them, and to the ſaid ſeveral companies, plantations, and colonies, that they, and every of them, ſhall and may, at all and every time and times hereafter, have, take, and lead in the ſaid voyage, and for and towards the ſaid ſeveral plantations and colonies, and to travel thitherward, and to abide and inhabit there, in every the ſaid colonies and plantations, ſuch and ſo many of our ſubjects, as ſhall willingly accompany them,

them, or any of them, in the ſaid voyages and plantations; with ſufficient ſhipping, and furniture of armour, weapons, ordinance, powder, victual, and all other things, neceſſary for the ſaid plantations, and for their uſe and defence there: Provided always, that none of the ſaid perſons be ſuch, as ſhall hereafter be ſpecially reſtrained by us, our heirs, or ſucceſſors.

XII. Moreover, we do, by theſe preſents, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, give and grant licence unto the ſaid Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, Richard Hackluit, Edward-Maria Wingfield, Thomas Hanham, Ralegh Gilbert, William Parker, and George Popham, and to every of the ſaid colonies, that they, and every of them, ſhall and may, from time to time, and at all times for ever hereafter, for their ſeveral defences, encounter, expulſe, repel, and reſiſt, as well by ſea as by land, by all ways and means whatſoever, all and every ſuch perſon and perſons, as without the eſpecial licence of the ſaid ſeveral colonies and plantations, ſhall attempt to inhabit within the ſaid ſeveral precincts and limits of the ſaid ſeveral colonies and plantations, or any of them, or that ſhall enterpriſe or attempt, at any time hereafter, the hurt, detriment, or annoyance, of the ſaid ſeveral colonies or plantations.

XIII. Giving and granting, by theſe preſents, unto the ſaid Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, Richard Hackluit, Edward-Maria Wingfield, and their aſſociates of the ſaid firſt colony, and unto the ſaid Thomas Hanham, Ralegh Gilbert, William Parker, and George Popham, and their aſſociates of the ſaid ſecond colony, and to every of them, from time to time, and at all times for ever hereafter, power and authority to take and ſurpriſe, by all ways and means whatſoever, all and every perſon and perſons, with their ſhips, veſſels, goods, and other furniture, which ſhall be found trafficking into any harbour or harbours, creek or creeks, or place, within the limits or precincts of the ſaid ſeveral colonies and plantations, not being of the ſame colony, until ſuch time, as they, being of any realms or dominions under our obedience, ſhall pay, or agree to pay, to the hands of the treaſurer of that colony, within whoſe limits and precincts they ſhall ſo traffic, two and a half upon every hundred, of any thing ſo by them trafficked, bought or ſold; and being ſtrangers, and not ſubjects under our obeyſance, until they ſhall pay five upon every hundred, of ſuch wares and merchandizes, as they ſhall traffic, buy, or ſell, within the precincts of the ſaid ſeveral colonies, wherein they ſhall ſo traffic, buy, or ſell, as aforeſaid; which ſums of money, or benefit, as aforeſaid, for and during the ſpace of one-and-twenty years, next enſuing the date hereof, ſhall be wholly employed to the uſe, benefit, and behoof of the ſaid ſeveral plantations, where ſuch traffic ſhall be made; and after the ſaid one-and-twenty years ended, the ſame ſhall be taken to the uſe of Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, by ſuch officers and miniſters, as by Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, ſhall be thereunto aſſigned or appointed.

XIV. And we do further by theſe preſents, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, give and grant unto the ſaid Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, Richard Hackluit, and Edward-Maria Wingfield, and to their aſſociates of the ſaid firſt colony and plantation, and to the ſaid Thomas Hanham, Ralegh Gilbert, William Parker, and George Popham, and their aſſociates of the ſaid ſecond colony and plantation, that they, and every of them, by their deputies, miniſters, and factors, may tranſport the goods, chattles, armour, munition, and furniture, needful to be uſed by them, for their ſaid apparel, food, defence, or otherwiſe in reſpect of the ſaid plantations, out of our realms of England and Ireland, and all other our dominions, from time to time, for and during the time of ſeven years, next enſuing the date hereof, for the better relief of the ſaid ſeveral colonies and plantations, without any cuſtom, ſubſidy, or other duty, unto Us, our heirs, or ſucceſſors, to be yielded or paid for the ſame.

XV. Alſo we do, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, declare, by theſe preſents, that all and every the perſons, being our ſubjects, which ſhall dwell and inhabit within every or any of the ſaid ſeveral colonies and plantations, and every of their children, which ſhall happen to be born within any of the limits and precincts of the ſaid ſeveral colonies and plantations, ſhall have and enjoy all liberties, franchiſes, and immunities, within any of our other dominions, to all intents and purpoſes, as if they had been abiding and born within this our realm of England, or any other of our ſaid dominions.

XVI. Moreover, our gracious Will and Pleaſure is, and we do, by theſe preſents, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, declare and ſet forth, that if any perſon or perſons, which ſhall be of any of the ſaid colonies and plantations, or any other, which ſhall traffic to the ſaid colonies and plantations, or any of them, ſhall, at any time or times hereafter, tranſport any wares, merchandizes, or commodities, out of any our dominions, with a pretence to land, ſell, or otherwiſe diſpoſe of the ſame, within any the limits and precincts of any the ſaid colonies and plantations, and yet nevertheleſs, being at ſea, or after he hath landed the ſame within any of the ſaid colonies and plantations, ſhall carry the ſame into any other foreign country, with a purpoſe there to ſell or diſpoſe of the ſame, without the licence of Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, in that behalf firſt had and obtained; that then, all the goods and chattles of ſuch perſon or perſons, ſo offending and tranſporting, together with the ſaid ſhip or veſſel, wherein ſuch tranſportation was made, ſhall be forfeited to Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors.

XVII. Provided always, and our Will and Pleaſure is, and we do hereby declare to all Chriſtian Kings, Princes, and ſtates, that if any perſon or perſons, which ſhall hereafter be of any of the ſaid ſeveral colonies and plantations, or any other, by his, their, or any of their licence and appointment, ſhall, at any time or times hereafter, rob or ſpoil, by ſea or by land, or do any act of unjuſt and unlawful hoſtility, to any the ſubjects of Us, our heirs, or ſucceſſors, or any the ſubjects of any King, Prince, ruler, governor, or ſtate, being then in league or amity with Us, our heirs or ſucceſſors, and that upon ſuch injury, or upon juſt complaint of ſuch Prince, ruler, governor, or ſtate, or their ſubjects, We, our heirs, or ſucceſſors, ſhall make open proclamation, within any of the ports of our realm of England, commodious for that purpoſe, that the ſaid perſon or perſons, having committed any ſuch robbery or ſpoil, ſhall, within the term to be limitted by ſuch proclamations, make full reſtitution or ſatisfaction of all ſuch

ſuch injuries done, ſo as the ſaid Princes, or others, ſo complaining, may hold themſelves fully ſatisfied and contented; and, that, if the ſaid perſon or perſons, having committed ſuch robbery or ſpoil, ſhall not make, or cauſe to be made, ſatisfaction accordingly, within ſuch time ſo to be limitted, that then it ſhall be lawful to us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, to put the ſaid perſon or perſons, having committed ſuch robbery or ſpoil, and their procurers, abettors, or comforters, out of our allegiance and protection; and that it ſhall be lawful and free, forall Princes and others, to purſue with hoſtility the ſaid offenders, and every of them, and their and every of their procurers, aiders, abettors, and comforters in that behalf.

XVIII. And finally, We do, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, grant and agree, to and with the ſaid Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, Richard Hackluit, and Edward-Maria Wingfield, and all others of the ſaid firſt colony, that We, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, upon petition in that behalf to be made, ſhall, by letters patent under the great ſeal of England, give and grant, unto ſuch perſons, their heirs and aſſigns, as the Council of that colony, or the moſt part of them, ſhall, for that purpoſe, nominate and aſſign, all the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, which ſhall be within the precincts limited for that colony, as is aforeſaid, to be holden of Us, our Heirs, and ſucceſſors, as of our manor of Eaſt-Greenwich, in the county of Kent, in free and common ſoccage only, and not in capite:

XIX. And do, in like manner, grant and agree, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, to and with the ſaid Thomas Hanham, Ralegh Gilbert, William Parker, and George Popham, and all others of the ſaid ſecond colony, that We, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, upon petition in that behalf to be made, ſhall by letters patent, under the great ſeal of England, give and grant unto ſuch perſons, their heirs and aſſigns, as the Council of that colony, or the moſt part of them, ſhall, for that purpoſe, nominate and aſſign, all the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, which ſhall be within the precincts limitted for that colony, as is aforeſaid, to be holden of Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, as of our manor of Eaſt-Greenwich, in the county of Kent, in free and common ſoccage only, and not in capite.

XX. All which lands, tenements, and hereditaments, ſo to be paſſed by the ſaid ſeveral letters patent, ſhall be ſufficient aſſurance from the ſaid patentees, ſo diſtributed and divided amongſt the undertakers for the plantation of the ſaid ſeveral colonies, and ſuch as ſhall make their plantations in either of the ſaid ſeveral colonies, in ſuch manner and form, and for ſuch eſtates, as ſhall be ordered and ſet down by the Council of the ſaid colony, or the moſt part of them, reſpectively, within which the ſame lands, tenements, and hereditaments ſhall lie or be; although expreſs mention of the true yearly value or certainty of the premiſes, or any of them, or of any other gifts or grants, by Us, or any of our progenitors or predeceſſors, to the aforeſaid Sir Thomas Gates, Knight, Sir George Somers, Knight, Richard Hackluit, Edward-Maria Wingfield, Thomas Hanham, Ralegh Gilbert, William Parker, and George Popham, or any of them, heretofore made, in theſe preſents, is not made; or any ſtatute, act, ordinance, or proviſion, proclamation, or reſtraint, to the contrary hereof had, made, ordained, or any other thing, cauſe, or matter whatſoever, in any wiſe notwithſtanding. In witneſs whereof, we have cauſed theſe our letters to be made patents; witneſs Ourſelf at Weſtminſter, the tenth day of April, in the fourth year of our reign of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the nine-and-thirtieth.

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# NUMBER II.

## King JAMES the I.'s Second Charter to the Treaſurer and Company for VIRGINIA, erecting them into a Corporation and Body politic, and for the further Enlargement and Explanation of the Privileges of the ſaid Company and firſt Colony of VIRGINIA. Dated March 23, 1609.

I. JAMES, by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all, to whom theſe preſents ſhall come, greeting. Whereas, at the humble ſuit and requeſt of ſundry our loving and well-diſpoſed ſubjects, intending to deduce a colony, and to make habitation and plantation of ſundry our people, in that part of America, commonly called Virginia, and other parts and territories in America, either appertaining unto Us, or which are not actually poſſeſſed of any Chriſtian Prince or people, within certain bounds and regions, We have formerly, by our letters patents, bearing date the tenth day of April, in the fourth year of our reign of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the nine-and-thirtieth, granted to Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, and others, for the more ſpeedy accompliſhment of the ſaid plantation and habitation, that they ſhould divide themſelves into two colonies (the one conſiſting of divers Knights, gentlemen, merchants, and others, of our city of London, called the firſt colony; and the other conſiſting of divers Knights, gentlemen, and others, of our cities of Briſtol, Exeter, and town of Plymouth, and other places, called the ſecond colony; and have yielded and granted many and ſundry privileges and liberties to each colony, for their quiet ſettling and good government therein, as by the ſaid letters patents more at large appeareth.

II. Now, foraſmuch as divers and ſundry of our loving ſubjects, as well adventurers, as planters, of the ſaid firſt colony, which have already engaged themſelves in furthering the buſineſs of the ſaid colony and plantation, and do further intend, by the aſſiſtance of Almighty God, to proſecute the ſame to a happy

a happy end, have of late been humble ſuitors unto Us, that (in reſpect of their great charges and the adventure of many of their lives, which they have hazarded in the ſaid diſcovery and plantation of the ſaid country) We would be pleaſed to grant them a further enlargement and explanation of the ſaid grant, privileges, and liberties, and that ſuch Counſellors, and other officers, may be appointed amongſt them, to manage and direct their affairs, as are willing and ready to adventure with them, as alſo whoſe dwellings are not ſo far remote from the city of London, but that they may, at convenient times, be ready at hand, to give their advice and aſſiſtance, upon all occaſions requiſite.

III. We, greatly affecting the effectual proſecution and happy ſucceſs of the ſaid plantation, and commending their good deſires therein, for their further encouragement in accompliſhing ſo excellent a work, much pleaſing to God, and profitable to our kingdom, do, of our eſpecial grace, and certain knowledge, and mere motion, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, give, grant, and confirm, to our truſty and well-beloved ſubjects, Robert, Earl of Saliſbury, Thomas, Earl of Suffolk, Henry, Earl of Southampton, William, Earl of Pembroke, Henry, Earl of Lincoln, Earl of Dorſet, Thomas, Earl of Exeter, Philip, Earl of Montgomery, Robert, Lord Viſcount Liſle, Theophilus, Lord Howard of Walden, James Montague, Lord Biſhop of Bath and Wells, Edward, Lord Zouche, Thomas, Lord Lawarr, William, Lord Mounteagle, Ralph, Lord Ewre, Edmond, Lord Sheffield, Grey, Lord Chandois, Lord Campton, John, Lord Petre, John Lord Stanhope, George, Lord Carew, Sir Humphry Weld, Lord Mayor of London, George Percie, Eſq; Sir Edward Cecil, Knt. Sir George Wharton, Knt. Francis Weſt, Eſq; Sir William Wade, Knt. Sir Henry Nevil, Knt. Sir Thomas Smith, Knt. Sir Oliver Cromwell, Knt. Sir Peter Manwood, Knt. Sir Drue Drury, Knt. Sir John Scot, Knt. Sir Thomas Challoner, Knt. Sir Robert Drury, Knt. Sir Anthony Cope, Knt. Sir Oratio Vere, Knt. Sir Edward Conway, Knt. Sir William Brown, Knt. Sir Maurice Berkeley, Knt. Sir Robert Manſel, Knt. Sir Amias Preſton, Knt. Sir Thomas Gates, Knt. Sir Anthony Aſhly, Knt. Sir Michael Sandys, Knt. Sir Henry Carey, Knt. Sir Stephen Soame, Knt. Sir Caliſthenes Brooke, Knt. Sir Edward Michelborn, Knt. Sir John Batcliffe, Knt. Sir Charles Wilmot, Knt. Sir George Moor, Knt. Sir Hugh Wirral, Knt. Sir Thomas Dennis, Knt. Sir John Holles, Knt. Sir William Godolphin, Knt. Sir Thomas Monſon, Knt. Sir Thomas Ridgwine, Knt. Sir John Brooke, Knt. Sir Robert Killigrew. Knt. Sir Henry Peyton, Knt. Sir Richard Williamſon, Knt. Sir Ferdinando Weynman, Knt. Sir William St. John, Knt. Sir Thomas Holcroft, Knt. Sir John Mallory, Knt. Sir Roger Aſhton, Knt. Sir Walter Cope, Knt. Sir Richard Wigmore, Knt. Sir William Coke, Knt. Sir Herbert Crofte, Knt. Sir Henry Fanſhaw, Knt. Sir John Smith, Knt. Sir Francis Wolley, Knt. Sir Edward Waterhouſe, Knt. Sir Henry Seekford, Knt. Sir Edwin Sandys, Knt. Sir Thomas Waynam, Knt. Sir John Trevor, Knt. Sir Warwick Heele, Knt. Sir Robert Wroth, Knt. Sir John Townſend, Knt. Sir Chriſtopher Perkins, Knt. Sir Daniel Dun, Knt. Sir Henry Hobart, Knt. Sir Francis Bacon, Knt. Sir Henry Montague, Knt. Sir George Coppin, Knt. Sir Samuel Sandys, Knt. Sir Thomas Roe, Knt. Sir George Somers, Knt. Sir Thomas Freake, Knt. Sir Thomas Harwell, Knt. Sir Charles Kelke, Knt. Sir Baptiſt Hicks, Knt. Sir John Watts, Knt. Sir Robert Carey, Knt. Sir William Romney, Knt. Sir Thomas Middleton, Knt. Sir Hatton Cheeke, Knt. Sir John Ogle, Knt. Sir Cavallero Meycot, Knt. Sir Stephen Riddleſon, Knt. Sir Thomas Bludder, Knt. Sir Anthony Aucher, Knt. Sir Robert Johnſon, Knt. Sir Thomas Panton, Knt. Sir Charles Morgan, Knt. Sir Stephen Pole, Knt. Sir John Burlacie, Knt. Sir Chriſtopher Cleave, Knt. Sir George Hayward, Knt. Sir Thomas Davis, Knt. Sir Thomas Sutton, Knt. Sir Anthony Foreſt, Knt. Sir Robert Payne, Knt. Sir John Digby, Knt. Sir Dudley Digges, Knt. Sir Rowland Cotton, Knt. Dr. Matthew Sutcliffe, Dr. Meadows, Dr. Turner, Dr. Poe, Capt. Pagnam, Capt. Jeffrey Holcrofte, Captain Romney, Capt. Henry Spry, Captain Shelton, Captain Sparks, Captain Thomas Wyat, Captain Brinſley, Captain William Courtney, Captain Herbert, Captain Clarke, Captain Duehurſt. Captain John Blundell, Captain Fryer, Captain Lewis Orwell, Captain Edward Lloyd, Capt. Slingeſby, Captain Hawley, Captain Orme, Captain Woodhouſe, Captain Maſon, Captain Thomas Holcroft, Captain Johx Coke, Captain Holles, Captain William Proude, Captain Henry Woodhouſe, Captain Richard Lindeſey, Captain Dexter, Captain William Winter, Captain Pearſe, Captain John Bingham, Captain Burray, Captain Thomas Conway, Captain Rookwood, Captain William Lovelace, Captain John Aſhley, Captain Thomas Wynne, Captain Thomas Mewtis, Captain Edward Harwood, Captain Michael Everard, Captain Comock, Captain Mills, Captain Pigot, Captain Edward-Maria Wingfield, Captain Chriſtopher Newport, Captain John Sicklemore, alias Ratcliffe, Captain John Smith, Captain John Martin, Captain Peter Wynne, Captain Waldo, Captain Thomas Wood, Captain Thomas Button, George Bolls, Eſq; Sheriff of London, William Craſhaw, Clerk, Batchelor of Divinity, William Seabright, Eſq; Chriſtopher Brooke, Eſq; John Bingley, Eſq; Thomas Watſon, Eſq; Richard Percival, Eſq; John Moore, Eſq; Hugh Brooker, Eſq; David Woodhouſe, Eſq; Anthony Aucher, Eſq; Robert Boyer, Eſq; Ralph Ewens, Eſq; Zachary Jones, Eſq; George Calvert, Eſq; William Dobſon, Eſq; Henry Reynolds, Eſq; Thomas Walker, Eſq; Anthony Barnars, Eſq; Thomas Sandys, Eſq; Henry Sandys, Eſq; Richard Sandys, Eſq; ſon of Sir Edwin Sandys, William Oxenbridge, Eſq; John Moore, Eſq; Thomas Wilſon, Eſq; John Bullock, Eſq; John Wailer, Eſq; Thomas Webb, Jehu Robinſon, William Brewſter, Robert Evelyn, Henry Danby, Richard Hackluit, Miniſter, John Eldrid, merchant, William Ruſſel, merchant, John Merrick, merchant, Richard Baniſter, merchant, Charles Anthony, goldſmith, John Banks, William Evans, Richard Humble, Richard Chamberlayne, merchant, Thomas Barber, merchant, Richard Pomet, merchant, John Fletcher, merchant, Thomas Nicholls, merchant, John Stoke, merchant, Gabriel Archer, Francis Covel, William Bonham, Edward Harriſon, John Woltſtenholme, Nicholas Salter, Hugh Evans, William Barnes, Otho Mawdet, Richard Staper, merchant,

John Elkin, merchant, William Coyſe, Thomas Perkin, cooper, Humphrey James, cooper, Henry Jackſon, Robert Singleton, Chriſtopher Nicholls, John Harper, Abraham Chamberlayne, Thomas Shipton, Thomas Carpenter, Anthony Crew, George Holman, Robert Hill, Cleophas Smith, Ralph Harriſon, John Farmer, James Brearley, William Croſby, Richard Cox, John Gearing, Richard Strongarm, ironmongers, Thomas Langton, Griffith Hinton, Richard Ironſide, Richard Dean, Richard Turner, William Lawſon, mercer, James Chatfield, Edward Allen Teddar, Robert Hildebrand Sprinſon, Arthur Mouſe, John Gardiner, James Ruſſel, Richard Caſwell, Richard Evans, John Hawkins, Richard Kerril, Richard Brooke, Matthew Screvener, gentlemen, William Stallenge, gentleman, ArthurVenn, gentleman, SandysWebbe, gentleman, Michael Phettiplace, gentleman, William Phettiplace, gentleman, Ambroſe Pruſey, gentleman, John Taverner, gentleman, George Pretty, gentleman, Peter Latham, gentleman, Thomas Montford, gentleman, William Cantrel, gentleman, Richard Wiffin, gentleman, Ralph Moreton, gentleman, John Cornelius, Martin Freeman, Ralph Free nan, Andrew Moore, Thomas White, Edward Perkin, Robert Offley, Thomas Whitley, George Pit, Robert Parkhurſt, Thomas Morris, Peter Harloe, Jeffry Duppa, John Gilbert, William Hancock, Matthew Brown, Francis Tyrrel, Randolph Carter, Othowell Smith, Thomas Hamond, Martin Bond, haberdaſher, John Moulſoe, Robert Johnſon, William Young, John Woodal, William Felgate, Humfrey Weſtwood, Richard Champion, Henry Robinſon, Francis Mapes, William Sambach, Ralegh Craſhaw, Daniel Tucker, Thomas Grave, Hugh Willeſton, Thomas Culpepper, of Wigſel, Eſq; John Culpepper, gentleman, Henry Lee, Joſias Kerton, gentleman, John Pory, gentleman, Henry Collins, George Burton, William Atkinſon, Thomas Foreſt, John Ruſſel, John Ruſſel, John Holt, Harman Harriſon, Gabriel Beedel, John Beedel, Henry Dawkes, George Scot, Edward Fleetwood, gentleman, Richard Rogers, gentleman, Arthur Robinſon, Robert Robinſon, John Huntley, John Gray, William Payne, William Field, William Wattey, William Webſter, John Dingley, Thomas Draper, Richard Glanvil, Arnold Hulls, Henry Roe, William More, Nicholas Gryce, James Monger, Nicholas Andrews, Jeremy Haydon, ironmonger, Philip Durette, John Quarles, John Weſt, Matthew Springham, John Johnſon, Chriſtopher Hore, Thomas Snead, George Berkeley, Arthur Pet, Thomas Careles, William Berkley, Thomas Johnſon, Alexander Bents, Captain William King, George Sandys, gentleman, James White, gentleman, Edmond Wynne, Charles Towlar, Richard Reynold, Edward Webb, Richard Mapleſden, Thomas Lever, David Bourne, Thomas Wood, Ralph Hamer, Edward Barnes, mercer, John Wright, mercer, Robert Middleton, Edward Littlefield, Katherine Weſt, Thomas Web, Ralph King, Robert Coppin, James Aſkew, Chriſtopher Holt, William Bardwell, Alexander Chiles, Lewis Tate, Edward Ditchfield, James Swifte, Richard Widdowes, goldſmith, Edmond Brudenell, Edward Burwell, John Hansford, Edward Wooller, William Palmer, haberdaſher, John Badger, John Hodgſon, Peter Mounſel, John Carril, John Buſhridge, William Dun, Thomas Johnſon, Nicholas Benſon, Thomas Shipton, Nathaniel Wade, Randal Wetwood, Matthew Dequeſter, Charles Hawkins, Hugh Hammerſley, Abraham Cartwright, George Bennet, William Cater, Richard Goddart, Henry Cromwell, Phineas Pet, Robert Cooper, John Cooper, Henry Newce, Edward Wilkes, Robert Bateman, Nicholas Farrar, John Newhouſe, John Caſon, Thomas Harris, gentleman, George Etheridge, gentleman, Thomas Mayle, gentleman, Richard Stafford, Thomas ———, Richard Cooper, John Weſtrow, Edward Welch, Thomas Britain, Thomas Knowles, Octavian Thorne, Edmond Smith, John March, Edward Carew, Thomas Pleydall, Richard Let, Miles Palmer, Henry Price, John Joſhua, gentleman, William Clauday, Jeremy, Pearſye, John Bree, gentleman, William Hampſon, Chriſtopher Pickford, Thomas Hunt, Thomas Truſton, Chriſtopher Salmon, John Howard, clerk, Richard Partridge, Allen Caſſen, Felix Wilſon, Thomas Bathurſt, George Wilmer, Andrew Wilmer, Maurice Lewellin, Thomas Godwin, Peter Burgoyne, Thomas Burgoyne, Robert Burgoyne, Robert Smith, merchant-taylor, Edward Cage, grocer, Thomas Cannon, gentleman, William Welby, ſtationer, Clement Wilmer, gentleman, John Clapham, gentleman, Giles Francis, gentleman, George Walker, ſadler, John Swinhow, ſtationer, Edward Biſhop, ſtationer, Leonard White, gentleman, Chriſtopher Baron, Peter Benſon, Richard Smith, George Proctor, miniſter, Millicent Ramſdent, widow, Joſeph Soane, Thomas Hinſhaw, John Baker, Robert Thornton, John Davis, Edward Facet, George Newce, gentleman, John Robinſon, Capt. Thomas Wood, William Brown, ſhoemaker, Robert Barker, ſhoemaker, Robert Pennington, Francis Burley, Miniſter, William Quick, grocer, Edward Lewis, grocer, Laurence Campe, draper, Aden Perkins, grocer, Richard Shepherd, preacher, William Sherley, haberdaſher, William Taylor, haberdaſher, Edwin Lukin, gentleman, John Franklyn, haberdaſher, John Southwick, Peter Peate, George Johan, Ironmonger, George Yeardley, gentleman, Henry Shelly, John Prat, Thomas Church, draper, William Powel, gentleman, Richard Faith, gentleman, Thomas Wheeler, draper, Francis Haſlerig, gentleman, Hugh Shipley, gentleman, John Andrews the elder, Doctor of Cambridge, Francis Whiſtler, gentleman, John Vaſſal, gentleman, Richard Howle, Edward Berkeley, gentleman, Richard Keneridgburg, gentleman, Nicholas Exton, draper, William Bennet, fiſhmonger, James Haywood, merchant, Nicholas Iſaac, merchant, William Gibbs, merchant, Biſhop, Bernard Mitchel, Iſaac Mitchel, John Streate, Edward Gall, John Martin, gentleman, Thomas Fox, Luke Lodge, John Woodliffe, gentleman, Richard Webb, Vincent Low, Samuel Burnham, Edmund Pears, haberdaſher, John Googe, John St. John, Edward Vaughan, William Dunn, Thomas Alcocke, John Andrews the younger, of Cambridge, Samuel Smith, Thomas Gerrard, Thomas Whittingham, William Canning, Paul Canning, George Chandler, Henry Vincent, Thomas Ketley, James Skelton, James Mountaine, George Webb, gentleman, Joſeph Newbridge, ſmith, Joſiah Mand, Captain Ralph Hamer, the younger, Edward Brewſter, the ſon of William Brewſter, Leonard Harwood, mercer, Philip Druerdent, William Carpenter, Triſtian Hill,

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Robert Cock, grocer, Laurence Greeie, grocer, Samuel Winch, grocer, Hnmphrey Stile, grocer, Avern Dransfield, grocer, Edward Hodges, grocer, Edward Beale, grocer, Thomas Culler, grocer, Ralph Bushby, grocer, John Whittingham, grocer, John Hide, grocer, Matthew Shepherd, grocer, Thomas Allen, grocer, Richard Hooker, grocer, Lawrence Munks, grocer, John Tanner, grocer, Peter Gate, grocer, John Blunt, grocer, Robert Phips, grocer, Robert Berrisford, grocer, Thomas Wells, grocer, John Ellis, grocer, Henry Colthurst, grocer, John Cavady, grocer, Thomas Jennings, grocer, Edmond Pashall, grocer, Timothy Bathurst, grocer, Giles Parslow, grocer, Robert Milmay, grocer, Richard Johnson, grocer, William Johnson, Vintner, Ezekiel Smith, Richard Martin, William Sharpe, Robert Rich, William Stannard, innholder, John Stocken, William Strachey, gentleman, George Farmer, gentleman, Thomas Gypes, clothworker, Abraham Davies, gentleman, Thomas Brocket, gentleman, George Bache, fishmonger, John Dike, fishmonger, Henry Spranger, Richard Farrington, Christopher Vertue, vintner, Thomas Bayley, vintner, George Robins, vintner, Tobias Hinson, grocer, Vrian Spencer, Clement Chicheley, John Scarpe, gentleman, James Campbell, ironmonger, Christopher Clitheroe, ironmonger, Philip Jacobson, Peter Jacobson, of Antwerp, William Berkeley, Miles Banks, cutler, Peter Higgons, grocer, Henry John, gentleman, John Stokeley, merchant taylor, the company of Mercers, the company of Grocers, the company of Drapers, the company of Fishmongers, the company of Goldsmiths, the company of Skinners, the company of Merchant-taylors, the company of Haberdashers, the company of Salters, the company of Ironmongers, the company of Vintners, the company of Clothworkers, the company of Dyers, the company of Brewers, the company of Leathersellers, the company of Pewterers, the company of Cutlers, the company of Whitebakers, the company of Wax-chandlers, the company of Tallow-chandlers, the company of Armorers, the company of Girdlers, the company of Butchers, the company of Sadlers, the company of Carpenters, the company of Cordwayners, the company of Barber-chirurgeons, the company of Paintstainers, the company of Curriers, the company of Masons, the company of Plumbers, the company of Innholders, the company of Founders, the company of Poulterers, the company of Cooks, the company of Coopers, the company of Tylers and Bricklayers, the company of Boyers, the Company of Fletchers, the company of Blacksmiths, the company of Joiners, the company of Weavers, the company of Woolmen, the company of Woodmongers, the company of Scriveners, the company of Fruiterers, the company of Plaisterers, the company of Brownbakers, the company of Stationers, the company of Imbroiderers, the company of Upholsterers, the company of Musicians, the company of Turners, the company of Gardiners, the company of Basketmakers, the company of Glaziers, John Levet, merchant, Thomas Nornicot, clothworker, Richard Venn, haberdasher, Thomas Scot, gentleman, Thomas Juxon, merchant-taylor, George Hankinson, Thomas Seyer, gentleman, Matthew Cooper, George Butler, gentleman, Thomas Lawson, gentleman, Edward Smith, haberdasher, Stephen Sparrow, John Jones, merchant, Reynolds, brewer, Thomas Plummer, merchant, James Duppa, brewer, Rowland Coitmore, William Southerne, George Witmore, haberdasher, Anthony Gosnold, the younger, John Allen, fishmonger, Simon Yeomans, fishmonger, Lancelot Davis, gentleman, John Hopkins, Alderman of Bristol, John Kettleby, gentleman, Richard Clene, goldsmith, George Hooker, gentleman, Robert Chening, yeoman; and to such, and so many, as they do, or shall hereafter, admit to be joined with them, in form hereafter in these presents expressed, whether they go in their persons, to be planters there in the said plantation, or whether they go not, but adventure their monies, goods, or chattles; that they shall be one body or commonalty perpetual, and shall have perpetual succession, and one common seal, to serve for the said body or commonalty: and that they, and their successors, shall be known, called, and incorporated by the name of, The Treasurer and Company of Adventurers and Planters of the City of London for the first Colony in Virginia.

IV. And that they, and their successors, shall be, from henceforth, for ever enable to take, acquire, and purchase, by the name aforesaid (licence for the same, from Us, our heirs or successors, first had and obtained) any manner of lands, tenements, and hereditaments, goods, aad chattles, within our realm of England, and dominion of Wales.

V. And that they, and their successors, shall likewise be enabled, by the name aforesaid, to plead, and be impleaded, before any of our Judges or Justices, in any of our Courts, and in any actions or suits whatsoever.

VI. And we do also, of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, give, grant, and confirm, unto the said treasurer and company, and their successors, under the reservations, limitations, and declarations, hereafter expressed, all those lands, countries, and territories, situate, lying, and being, in that part of America called Virginia, from the point of land called Cape or Point Comfort, all along the sea coast, to the northward two hundred miles, and from the said point of Cape Comfort, all along the sea coast, to the southward two hundred miles, and all that space and circuit of land, lying from the sea coast of the precinct aforesaid, up into the land, throughout from sea to sea, west and northwest; and also all the islands, lying within one hundred miles, along the coast of both seas of the precinct aforesaid; together with all the soils, grounds, havens, and ports, mines, as well royal mines of gold and silver, as other minerals, pearls, and precious stones, quarries, woods, rivers, waters, fishings, commodities, jurisdictions, royalties, privileges, franchises, and preheminences, within the said territories, and the precincts thereof, whatsoever, and thereto and thereabouts, both by sea and land, being, or in any sort belonging or appertaining, and which we, by our letters patents, may or can grant, in as ample manner and sort, as We, or any our noble progenitors, have heretofore granted to any company, body politic or corporate, or to any adventurer, or adventurers, undertaker or undertakers, of any discoveries, plantations, or traffic, of in or into any foreign parts whatsoever, and in as large and ample manner, as if the same were herein particularly mentioned and expressed; to have and to hold, posses

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and enjoy, all and ſingular the ſaid lands, countries, and territories, with all and ſingular other the premiſes, heretofore by theſe preſents granted, or mentioned to be granted, to them, the ſaid treaſurer and company, their ſucceſſors and aſſigns for ever; to the ſole and proper uſe of them, the ſaid treaſurer and company, their ſucceſſors and aſſigns for ever; to be holden of Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, as of our manor of East-Greenwich, in free and common ſoccage, and not in capite; yielding and paying, therefore, to Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, the fifth part only of all ore of gold and ſilver, that from time to time, and at all times hereafter, ſhall be there gotten, had, or obtained, for all manner of ſervices.

VII. And nevertheleſs, our will and pleaſure is, and we do, by theſe preſents, charge, command, warrant, and authoriſe, that the ſaid treaſurer and company, or their ſucceſſors, or the major part of them, which ſhall be preſent and aſſembled for that purpoſe, ſhall, from time to time, under their common ſeal, diſtribute, convey, aſſign, and ſet over, ſuch particular portions of lands, tenements, and hereditaments, by theſe preſents, formerly granted, unto ſuch our loving ſubjects, naturally born, or denizens, or others, as well adventurers as planters, as by the ſaid company (upon a commiſſion of ſurvey and diſtribution, executed and returned for that purpoſe) ſhall be nominated, appointed, and allowed; wherein our will and pleaſure is, that reſpect be had, as well of the proportion of the adventurer, as to the ſpecial ſervice, hazard, exploit, or merit of any perſon, ſo to be recompenced, advanced, or rewarded.

VIII. And foraſmuch, as the good and proſperous ſucceſs of the ſaid plantation cannot but chiefly depend, next under the bleſſing of God, and the ſupport of our royal authority, upon the provident and good direction of the whole enterprize, by a careful and underſtanding Council, and that it is not convenient, that all the adventurers ſhall be ſo often drawn to meet and aſſemble, as ſhall be requiſite for them to have meetings and conference about the affairs thereof; therefore we do ordain, eſtabliſh, and confirm, that there ſhall be perpetually one Council here reſident, according to the tenour of our former letters patents; which Council ſhall have a ſeal, for the better government and adminiſtration of the ſaid plantation, beſides the legal ſeal of the company or corporation, as in our former letters patents is alſo expreſſed.

IX. And further, we eſtabliſh and ordain, that Henry, Earl of Southampton, William, Earl of Pembroke, Henry, Earl of Lincoln, Thomas, Earl of Exeter, Robert, Lord Viſcount Liſle, Lord Theophilus Howard, James, Lord Biſhop of Bath and Wells, Edward, Lord Zouche, Thomas, Lord Lawarr, William, Lord Monteagte, Edmund, Lord Sheffild, Grey, Lord Chandois, John, Lord Stanhope, George, Lord Carew, Sir Humfrey Weld, Lord Mayor of London, Sir Edward Cecil, Sir William Wade, Sir Henry Nevil, Sir Thomas Smith, Sir Oliver Cromwell, Sir Peter Manwood, Sir Thomas Challoner, Sir Henry Hobert, Sir Francis Bacon, Sir George Coppin, Sir John Scot, Sir Henry Carey, Sir Robert Drury, Sir Oratio Vere, Sir Edward Conway, Sir Maurice Barkeley, Sir Thomas Gates, Sir Michael Sandys, Sir Robert Manſel, Sir John Trevor, Sir Amias Preſton, Sir William Godolphin, Sir Walter Cope, Sir Robert Killigrew, Sir Henry Fanſhaw, Sir Edwin Sandys, Sir John Watts, Sir Henry Montague, Sir William Romney, Sir Thomas Roe, Sir Baptiſt Hicks, Sir Richard Williamſon, Sir Stephen Poole, Sir Dudly Digges, Chriſtopher Brooke, Eſq; John Eldrid, and John Wolſtenholme, ſhall be our council for the ſaid company of adventurers and planters in Virginia.

X. And the ſaid Thomas Smith we do ordain to be treaſurer of the ſaid company: which treaſurer ſhall have authority, to give order, for the warning of the council, and ſummoning the company, to their courts and meetings.

XI. And the ſaid council and treaſurer, or any of them, ſhall be from henceforth, nominated, choſen, continued, diſplaced, changed, altered, and ſupplied, as death, or other ſeveral occaſions, ſhall require, out of the company of, the ſaid adventurers, by the voice of the greater part of the ſaid company and adventurers, in their aſſembly for that purpoſe: provided always, that every Counſellor, ſo newly elected, ſhall be preſented to the Lord Chancellor of England, or to the Lord High Treaſurer of England, or to the Lord Chamberlain of the houſhold of Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, for the time being, to take his oath of a Counſellor to Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, for the ſaid company of adventurers and colony in Virginia.

XII. And we do, by theſe preſents, of our ſpecial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, for Us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, grant unto the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, that if it happen, at any time or times, the treaſurer for the time being to be ſick, or to have any ſuch cauſe of abſence from the city of London, as ſhall be allowed by the ſaid Council, or the greater part of them, aſſembled, ſo as he cannot attend the affairs of that company, in every ſuch caſe, it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch treaſurer for the time being, to aſſign, conſtitute and appoint, one of the Council or company, to be likewiſe allowed by the Council, or the greater part of them, aſſembled, to be the deputy treaſurer of the ſaid company; which deputy ſhall have power, to do and execute all things, which belong to the ſaid treaſurer, during ſuch time, as ſuch treaſurer ſhall be either ſick, or otherwiſe abſent upon cauſe allowed of by the ſaid Council, or the major part of them, as aforeſaid, ſo fully and wholly, and in as large and ample manner and form, to all intents and purpoſes, as the ſaid treaſurer, if he were preſent, himſelf might or could do and execute the ſame.

XIII. And further, of our ſpecial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, we do, by theſe preſents, give and grant full power and authority to our ſaid Council, here reſident, as well at this preſent time, as hereafter from time to time, to nominate, make, conſtitute, ordain, and confirm, by ſuch name or names, ſtile or ſtiles, as to them ſhall ſeem good; and likewiſe to revoke, diſcharge, change, and alter, as well all and ſingular governors, officers, and miniſters, which already have been made, as alſo which hereafter ſhall be by them thought fit and needful to be made or uſed, for the government of the ſaid colony and plantation.

XIV. And alſo to make, ordain, and eſtabliſh all manner of orders, laws, directions, inſtructions, forms, and ceremonies of government and magiſtracy,

cy, fit and neceſſary, for and concerning the government of the ſaid colony and plantation; and the ſame, at all times hereafter, to abrogate, revoke, or change, not only within the precincts of the ſaid colony, but alſo upon the ſeas in going and coming, to and from the ſaid colony, as they, in their good diſcretion, ſhall think to be fitteſt for the good of the adventurers and inhabitants there.

XV. And we do alſo declare, that, for divers reaſons and conſiderations us thereunto eſpecially moving, our will and pleaſure is, and we do hereby ordain, that immediately from and after ſuch time, as any ſuch governor or principal officer, ſo to be nominated and appointed, by our ſaid Council, for the government of the ſaid colony, as aforeſaid, ſhall arrive in Virginia, and give notice unto the colony there reſident of our pleaſure in this behalf, the government, power, and authority of the preſident and council, heretofore by our former letters patents there eſtabliſhed, and all laws and conſtitutions, by them formerly made, ſhall utterly ceaſe and be determined, and all officers, governors, and miniſters, formerly conſtituted or appointed, ſhall be diſcharged, any thing, in our former letters patents concerning the ſaid plantation contained, in any wiſe to the contrary notwithſtanding; ſtraightly charging and commanding the preſident and council, now reſident in the ſaid colony, upon their allegiance, after knowledge given unto them of our will and pleaſure, by theſe preſents ſignified and declared, that they forthwith be obedient to ſuch governor or governors, as by our ſaid council, here reſident, ſhall be named and appointed, as aforeſaid, and to all directions, orders and commandments, which they ſhall receive from them, as well in the preſent reſigning and giving up of their authority, offices, charge and places, as in all other attendance, as ſhall be by them, from time to time, required.

XVI. And we do further, by theſe preſents, ordain and eſtabliſh, that the ſaid treaſurer and council here reſident, and their ſucceſſors, or any four of them, being aſſembled (the treaſurer being one) ſhall, from time to time, have full power and authority, to admit and receive any other perſon into their company, corporation, and freedom; and further, in a general aſſembly of the adventurers, with the conſent of the greater part, upon good cauſe, to diſfranchiſe and put out any perſon or perſons, out of the ſaid freedom and company.

XVII. And we do alſo grant and confirm, for Us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, that it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, by direction of the governors there, to dig and to ſearch for all manner of mines of gold, ſilver, copper, iron, lead, tin, and all ſorts of minerals, as well within the precinct aforeſaid, as within any part of the main land, not formerly granted to any other; and to have and enjoy the gold, ſilver, copper, iron, lead, and tin, and all other minerals, to be gotten thereby, to the uſe and behoof of the ſaid company of planters and adventurers; yielding thereof, and paying yearly, unto Us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, as aforeſaid.

XVIII. And we do further, of our ſpecial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, grant, by theſe preſents, to and with the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, that it ſhall be lawful and free for them, and their aſſigns, at all and every time and times hereafter, out of our realm of England, and out of all other our dominions, to take and lead into the the ſaid voyages, and for and towards the ſaid plantation, and to travel thitherwards, and to abide and inhabit there in the ſaid colony and plantation, all ſuch and ſo many of our loving ſubjects, or any other ſtrangers, that will become our loving ſubjects, and live under our obedience, as ſhall willingly accompany them in the ſaid voyage and plantation; with ſufficient ſhipping, armour, weapons, ordinance, munition, powder, ſhot, victuals, and ſuch merchandiſes or wares, as are eſteemed by the wild people in thoſe parts, cloathing, implements, furniture, cattle, horſes, and mares, and all other things, neceſſary for the ſaid plantation, and for their uſe, and defence, and trade with the people there; and in paſſing, and returning to and fro; without yielding or paying ſubſidy, cuſtom, impoſition, or any other tax or duty, to Us, our heirs, or ſucceſſors, for the ſpace of ſeven years from the date of theſe preſents; provided, that none of the ſaid perſons be ſuch, as ſhall be hereafter, by ſpecial name, reſtrained by Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors.

XIX. And for their further encouragement, of our ſpecial grace and favour, we do, by theſe preſents, for Us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, yield and grant, to and with the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, and every of them, their factors and aſſigns, that they and every of them, ſhall be free of all ſubſidies and cuſtoms in Virginia, for the ſpace of one-and-twenty years, and from all taxes and impoſitions, for ever, upon any goods or merchandizes, at any time or times hereafter, either upon importation thither, or exportation from thence, into our realm of England, or into any other of our realms or dominions, by the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, their deputies, factors, or aſſigns, or any of them; except only the five pounds per cent. due for cuſtom, upon all ſuch goods and merchandizes, as ſhall be brought or imported into our realm of England, or any other of theſe our dominions, according to the antient trade of merchants; which five pounds per cent. only being paid, it ſhall be thenceforth lawful and free for the ſaid adventurers, the ſame goods and merchandizes to export, and carry out of our ſaid dominions, into foreign parts, without any cuſtom, tax, or other duty, to be paid to Us, our heirs, or ſucceſſors, or to any other our officers or deputies; provided, that the ſaid goods and merchandizes be ſhipped out, within thirteen months, after their firſt landing within any part of thoſe dominions.

XX. And we do alſo grant and confirm to the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, as alſo to all and every ſuch governor, or other officers and miniſters, as by our ſaid Council ſhall be appointed to have power and authority of government and command, in or over the ſaid colony or plantation; that they, and every of them, ſhall and lawfully may, from time to time, and at all times for ever hereafter, for their ſeveral defence and ſafety, encounter, expulſe, repel, and reſiſt, by force and arms, as well by ſea as by land, and all ways and means whatſoever, all and every ſuch perſon and perſons whatſoever, as (without the ſpecial licence of the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors) ſhall attempt to inhabit, within the ſaid ſeveral precincts and limits of the ſaid colony and plantation: and alſo, all and every ſuch perſon and

whatſoever, as ſhall enterprize or attempt, at any time hereafter, deſtruction, invaſion, hurt, detriment, or annoyance, to the ſaid colony and plantation, as is likewiſe ſpecified in the ſaid former grant.

XXI. And that it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, and every of them, from time to time, and at all times for ever hereafter, and they ſhall have full power and authority, to take and ſurpriſe, by all ways and means whatſoever, all and every perſon and perſons whatſoever, with their ſhips, goods, and other furniture, trafficking in any harbour, creek, or place, within the limits or precincts of the ſaid colony and plantation, not being allowed by the ſaid company to be adventurers or planters of the ſaid colony, untill ſuch time, as they, being of any realms and dominions under our obedience, ſhall pay, or agree to pay, to the hands of the treaſurer or of ſome other officer, deputed by the ſaid Governor of Virginia (over and above ſuch ſubſidy and cuſtom, as the ſaid company is, or hereafter ſhall be, to pay) five pounds per cent. upon all goods and merchandiſes ſo brought in thither, and alſo five per cent. upon all goods by them ſhipped out from thence; and being ſtrangers, and not under our obedience, untill they have paid (over and above ſuch ſubſidy and cuſtom, as the ſaid treaſurer and company, or their ſucceſſors, is, or hereafter ſhall be, to pay) ten pounds per cent. upon all ſuch goods, likewiſe carried in and out, any thing, in the ſaid former letters patents, to the contrary notwithſtanding; and the ſame ſums of money and benefit, as aforeſaid, for and during the ſpace of one and-twenty years, ſhall be wholly employed to the benefit, uſe, and behoof of the ſaid colony and plantation; and after the ſaid one-and-twenty years ended, the ſame ſhall be taken to the uſe of Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, by ſuch officers and miniſters, as by Us, our heirs, or ſucceſſors, ſhall be thereunto aſſigned and appointed, as is ſpecified in the ſaid former letters patents.

XXII. Alſo, we do, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, declare, by theſe preſents, that all and every the perſons, being our ſubjects, which ſhall go and inhabit within the ſaid colony and plantation, and every of their children and poſterity, which ſhall happen to be born within any the limits thereof, ſhall have and enjoy all liberties, franchiſes, and immunities of free denizens and natural ſubjects, within any of our other dominions, to all intents and purpoſes, as if they had been abiding and born within this our realm of England, or in any other of our dominions.

XXIII. And foraſmuch, as it ſhall be neceſſary for all ſuch our loving ſubjects, as ſhall inhabit within the ſaid precincts of Virginia, aforeſaid, to determine to live together, in the fear and true worſhip of Almighty God, chriſtian peace, and civil quietneſs, each with other, whereby every one may, with more ſafety, pleaſure, and profit, enjoy that, whereunto they ſhall attain with great pain and peril; We, for Us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, are likewiſe pleaſed and contented, and by theſe preſents, do give and grant unto the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, and to ſuch governors, officers, and miniſters, as ſhall be, by our ſaid Council, conſtituted and appointed, according to the natures and limits of their offices and places reſpectively, that they ſhall and may, from time to time for ever hereafter, within the ſaid precincts of Virginia, or in the way by ſea thither and from thence, have full and abſolute power and authority, to correct, puniſh, pardon, govern, and rule, all ſuch the ſubjects of Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, as ſhall, from time to time, adventure themſelves in any voyage thither, or that ſhall, at any time hereafter, inhabit in the precincts and territories of the ſaid colony, as aforeſaid, according to ſuch orders, ordinances, conſtitutions, directions, and inſtructions, as by our ſaid Council, as aforeſaid, ſhall be eſtabliſhed; and in defect thereof, in caſe of neceſſity, according to the good diſcretion of the ſaid Governor and officers, reſpectively, as well in caſes capital and criminal as civil, both marine and other; ſo always, as the ſaid ſtatutes, ordinances, and proceedings, as near as conveniently may be, be agreeable to the laws, ſtatutes, government, and policy of this our realm of England.

XXIV. And we do further, of our ſpecial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, grant, declare, and ordain, that ſuch principal governor, as, from time to time, ſhall duly and lawfully be authoriſed and appointed, in manner and form in theſe preſents heretofore expreſſed, ſhall have full power and authority, to uſe and exerciſe martial law, in caſes of rebellion or mutiny, in as large and ample manner, as our Lieutenants in our counties, within this our realm of England, have, or ought to have, by force of their commiſſions of lieutenancy.

XXV. And furthermore, if any perſon or perſons, adventurers or planters of the ſaid colony, or any other, at any time or times hereafter, ſhall tranſport any monies, goods, or merchandizes, out of any of our kingdoms, with a pretence or purpoſe, to land, ſell, or otherwiſe diſpoſe of the ſame, within the limits or bounds of the ſaid colony, and yet nevertheleſs, being at ſea, or after he hath landed within any part of the ſaid colony, ſhall carry the ſame into any other foreign country, with a purpoſe there to ſell and diſpoſe thereof; that then, all the goods and chattles of the ſaid perſon, or perſons, ſo offending and tranſported, together with the ſhip or veſſel, wherein ſuch tranſportation was made, ſhall be forfeited to Us, our heirs and ſucceſſors.

XXVI. And further, our will and pleaſure is, that in all queſtions and doubts, that ſhall ariſe, upon any difficulty of conſtruction or interpretation of any thing, contained either in this or in our ſaid former letters patents, the ſame ſhall be taken and interpreted, in moſt ample and beneficial manner for the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, and every member thereof.

XXVII. And further, we do, by theſe preſents, ratify and confirm unto the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, all the privileges, franchiſes, liberties, and immunities, granted in our ſaid former letters patents, and not in theſe our letters patents revoked, altered, changed, or abridged.

XXVIII. And finally, our will and pleaſure is, and we do further, hereby, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, grant and agree, to and with the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, that all and ſingular perſon and perſons, which ſhall, at any time or times hereafter, adventure any ſum or ſums of money, in and towards the ſaid plantation of the ſaid colony in Virginia, and ſhall be admitted, by the ſaid Council and company, as adventurers of the ſaid colony, in form aforeſaid, and ſhall be enrolled in the book or records of the adventurers of the

the ſaid company, ſhall and may be accounted, accepted, taken, held, and reputed, adventurers of the ſaid colony, and ſhall and may enjoy all and ſingular grants, privileges, liberties, benefits, profits, commodities, and immunities, advantages, and emoluments, whatſoever, as fully, largely, amply, and abſolutely, as if they, and every of them, had been preciſely, plainly, ſingularly, and diſtinctly, named and inſerted in theſe our letters patents.

XXIX. And laſtly, becauſe the principal effect, which we can deſire or expect of this action, is the converſion and reduction of the people in thoſe parts unto the true worſhip of God and Chriſtian religion, in which reſpect we ſhould be loath, that any perſon ſhould be permitted to paſs, that we ſuſpected to effect the ſuperſtitions of the church of Rome; we do hereby declare, that it is our will and pleaſure, that none be permitted to paſs in any voyage, from time to time to be made into the ſaid country, but ſuch, as firſt ſhall have taken the oath of ſupremacy; for which purpoſe, we do, by theſe preſents, give full power and authority, to the treaſurer for the time being, and any three of the Council, to tender and exhibit the ſaid oath, to all ſuch perſons, as ſhall, at any time, be ſent and employed in the ſaid voyage. Although expreſs mention of the true yearly value or certainty of the premiſes, or any of them, or of any other gifts or grants, by Us or any of our progenitors or predeceſſors, to the aforeſaid treaſurer and company heretofore made, in theſe preſents is not made; or any act, ſtatute, ordinance, proviſion, proclamation, or reſtraint, to the contrary hereof had, made, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, cauſe, or matter, whatſoever, in any wiſe notwithſtanding. In witneſs whereof, we have cauſed theſe our letters to be made patent. Witneſs ourſelf at Weſtminſter, the 23d day of May, in the ſeventh year of our reign of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the *****

*Per ipſum Regem*

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# NUMBER III.

## A Third Charter of King JAMES I. to the Treaſurer and Company for VIRGINIA. Dated March 12, 1611-2.

I. JAMES, by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith; to all, to whom theſe preſents ſhall come, greeting. Whereas at the humble ſuit of divers and ſundry our loving ſubjects, as well adventurers as planters of the firſt colony in Virginia, and for the propagation of chriſtian religion, and reclaiming of people barbarous to civility and humanity, we have, by our letters patents, bearing date, at Weſtminſter, the three-and-twentieth day of May, in the ſeventh year of our reign of England, France, and Ireland, and the two-and-fortieth of Scotland, given and granted unto them, that they, and all ſuch and ſo many of our loving ſubjects, as ſhould, from time to time for ever after, be joined with them, as planters or adventurers in the ſaid plantation, and their ſucceſſors, for ever, ſhould be one body politic, incorporated by the name of, The Treaſurer and Company of Adventurers and Planters of the City of London for the firſt Colony in Virginia.

II. And whereas alſo, for the greater good and benefit of the ſaid company, and for the better furtherance, ſtrengthening, and eſtabliſhing of the ſaid plantation, we did further give, grant, and confirm, by our ſaid letters patents, unto the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, for ever, all thoſe lands, countries, or territories, ſituate, lying, and being, in that part of America called Virginia, from the point of land called Cape or Point Comfort, all along the ſea coaſts, to the northward, two hundred miles, and from the ſaid point of Cape Comfort, all along the ſea coaſt, to the ſouthward, two hundred miles, and all that ſpace and circuit of land, lying from the ſea coaſt of the precinct aforeſaid, up or into the land, throughout from ſea to ſea, weſt and northweſt, and alſo all the iſlands, lying within one hundred miles, along the coaſt of both the ſeas of the precinct aforeſaid, with divers other grants, liberties, franchiſes, and preheminences, privileges, profits, benefits, and commodities, granted, in and by our ſaid letters patents, to the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, for ever.

III. Now, foraſmuch as we are given to underſtand, that in thoſe ſeas, adjoining to the ſaid coaſts of Virginia, and without the compaſs of thoſe two hundred miles, by Us ſo granted unto the ſaid treaſurer and company, as aforeſaid, and yet not far diſtant from the ſaid colony in Virginia, there are, or may be, divers iſlands, lying deſolate and uninhabited, ſome of which are already made known and diſcovered, by the induſtry, travel, and expence of the ſaid company; and others alſo are ſuppoſed to be and remain, as yet, unknown and undiſcovered, all and every of which it may import the ſaid colony, both in ſafety and policy of trade, to populate and plant, in regard whereof, as well for the preventing of peril, as for the better commodity and proſperity of the ſaid colony, they have been humble ſuitors unto us, that we would be pleaſed to grant unto them an enlargement of our ſaid former letters patents, as well for a more ample extent of their limits and territories into the ſeas, adjoining to and upon the coaſt of Virginia, as alſo for ſome other matters and articles, concerning the better government of the ſaid company and colony, in which point our ſaid former letters patents do not extend ſo far, as time and experience hath found to be needful and convenient.

IV. We therefore, tendering the good and happy ſucceſs of the ſaid plantation, both in regard of the general

general weal of human ſociety, as in reſpect of the good of our own eſtate and kingdoms, and being willing to give furtherance unto all good means, that may advance the benefit of the ſaid company, and which may ſecure the ſafety of our loving ſubjects, planted in our ſaid colony under the favour and protection of God Almighty, and of our royal power and authority, have therefore, of our eſpecial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, given, granted, and confirmed, and for Us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, we do, by theſe preſents, give, grant, and confirm, to the ſaid treaſurer and company of adventurers and planters of the city of London for the firſt colony in Virginia, and to their heirs and ſucceſſors, for ever, all and ſingular thoſe iſlands whatſoever, ſituate and being in any part of the ocean ſeas bordering upon the coaſt of our ſaid firſt colony in Virginia, and being within three hundred leagues of any the parts heretofore granted to the ſaid treaſurer and company, in our ſaid former letters patents, as aforeſaid, and being within or between the one-and-fortieth and thirtieth degrees of northerly latitude, together with all and ſingular ſoils, lands, grounds, havens, ports, rivers, waters, fiſhings, mines and minerals, as well royal mines of gold and ſilver, as other mines and minerals, pearls, precious ſtones, quarries, and all and ſingulur other commodities, juriſdictions, royalties, privileges, franchiſes, and preheminences, both within the ſaid tract of land upon the main, and alſo within the ſaid iſland and ſeas adjoining, whatſoever, and thereunto or thereabouts, both by ſea and land, being or ſituate: and which, by our letters patents, we may, or can, grant, and in as ample manner and ſort, as We, or any our noble progenitors, have heretofore granted to any perſon or perſons, or to any company, body politic or corporate, or to any adventurer or adventurers, undertaker or undertakers, of any diſcoveries, plantations, or traffic, of in or into any foreign parts, whatſoever, and in as large and ample manner, as if the ſame were herein particularly named, mentioned, and expreſſed: provided always, that the ſaid iſlands, or any the premiſes herein mentioned, or by theſe preſents intended or meant to be granted, be not actually poſſeſſed or inhabited by any other chriſtian Prince or eſtate, nor be within the bounds, limits, or territories of the northern colony, heretofore by Us granted to be planted by divers of our loving ſubjects, in the north parts of Virginia. To have and to hold, poſſeſs and enjoy, all and ſingular the ſaid iſlands, in the ſaid ocean ſeas ſo lying, and bordering upon the coaſt and coaſts of the territories of the ſaid firſt colony in Virginia, as aforeſaid; with all and ſingular the ſaid ſoils, lands, and grounds, and all and ſingular other the premiſes, heretofore by theſe preſents granted, or mentioned to be granted, to them, the ſaid treaſurer and company of adventurers and planters of the city of London for the firſt colony in Virginia, and to their heirs, ſucceſſors, and aſſigns, for ever, to the ſole and proper uſe and behoof of them, the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their heirs, and ſucceſſors, and aſſigns, for ever; to be holden of Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, as of our manor of Eaſt-Greenwich, in free and common ſoccage, and not in capite; yielding and paying therefore to Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, the fifth part of the ore of all gold and ſilver, which ſhall be there gotten, had, or obtained, for all manner of ſervices whatſoever.

V. And further, our will and pleaſure is, and we do, by theſe preſents, grant and confirm, for the good and welfare of the ſaid plantation, and that poſterity may hereafter know, who have adventured and not been ſparing of their purſes in ſuch a noble and generous action for the general good of their country, and at the requeſt, and with the conſent, of the company aforeſaid, that our truſty and well-beloved ſubjects, George, Lord Archbiſhop of Canterbury, Henry, Earl of Huntingdon, Edward, Earl of Bedford, Richard, Earl of Clanrickard, &c. who ſince our ſaid laſt letters patents are become adventurers, and have joined themſelves with the former adventurers and planters of the ſaid company and ſociety, ſhall, from henceforth, be reputed, deemed, and taken to be, and ſhall be brethren and free members of the company, and ſhall and may, reſpectively, and according to the proportion and value of their ſeveral adventures, have, hold, and enjoy all ſuch intereſt, right, title, privileges, preheminences, liberties, franchiſes, immunities, profits, and commodities, whatſoever, in as large, and ample, and beneficial manner, to all intents, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as any other adventurers, nominated and expreſſed in any our former letters patents, or any of them, have or may have, by force and virtue of theſe preſents, or any our former letters patents whatſoever.

VI. And we are further pleaſed, and we do, by theſe preſents, grant and confirm, that Philip, Earl of Montgomery, William Lord Paget, Sir John Starrington, Knt. &c. whom the ſaid treaſurer and company have, ſince the ſaid laſt letters patents, nominated and ſet down, as worthy and diſcreet perſons, fit to ſerve us as Counſellors, to be of our Council for the ſaid plantation, ſhall be reputed, deemed, and taken, as perſons of our ſaid Council for the ſaid firſt colony, in ſuch manner and ſort, to all intents and purpoſes, as thoſe, who have been formerly elected and nominated, as our counſellors for that colony, and whoſe names have been or are inſerted and expreſſed, in our ſaid former letters patents.

VII. And we do hereby ordain and grant, by theſe preſents, that the ſaid treaſurer and company of adventurers and planters aforeſaid, ſhall and may, once every week, or oftener, at their pleaſure, hold and keep a court and aſſembly, for the better order and government of the ſaid plantation, and ſuch things as ſhall concern the ſame; and that any five perſons of our council for the ſaid firſt colony in Virginia, for the time being, of which company the treaſurer, or his deputy, to be always one, and the number of fifteen others, at the leaſt, of the generality of the ſaid company, aſſembled together in ſuch manner, as is and hath been heretofore uſed and accuſtomed, ſhall be ſaid, taken, held, and reputed to be, and ſhall be a ſufficient court of the ſaid company, for the handling, and ordering, and diſpatching of all ſuch caſual and particular occurrences, and accidental matters, of leſs conſequence and weight, as ſhall, from time to time, happen, touching and concerning the ſaid plantation.

VIII. And that nevertheleſs, for the handling, ordering, and diſpoſing of matters and affairs of greater weight and importance, and ſuch, as ſhall or

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may, in any ſort, concern the weal public and general good of the ſaid company and plantation, as namely, the manner of government from time to time to be uſed, the ordering and diſpoſing of the lands and poſſeſſions, and the ſettling and eſtabliſhing of a trade there, or ſuch like, there ſhall be held and kept, every year, upon the laſt Wedneſday, ſave one, of Hillary term, Eaſter, Trinity, and Michaelmas terms, for ever, one great, general, and ſolemn aſſembly, which four aſſemblies ſhall be ſtiled and called, The Four Great and General Courts of the Council and Company of Adventurers for Virginia; in all and every of which ſaid great and general Courts, ſo aſſembled, our will and pleaſure is, and we do, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, for ever, give and grant to the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, for ever, by theſe preſents, that they, the ſaid treaſurer and company, or the greater number of them, ſo aſſembled, ſhall and may have full power and authority, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to elect and chuſe diſcreet perſons, to be of our ſaid Council for the ſaid firſt colony in Virginia, and to nominate and appoint ſuch officers, as they ſhall think fit and requiſite, for the government, managing, ordering, and diſpatching of the affairs of the ſaid company: and ſhall likewiſe have full power and authority, to ordain and make ſuch laws and ordinances, for the good and welfare of the ſaid plantation, as to them, from time to time, ſhall be thought requiſite and meet: ſo always, as the ſame be not contrary to the laws and ſtatutes of this our realm of England: and ſhall, in like manner, have power and authority, to expulſe, diſfranchiſe, and put, out of and from their ſaid company and ſociety, for ever, all and every ſuch perſon and perſons, as having either promiſed, or ſubſcribed their names, to become adventurers to the ſaid plantation of the ſaid firſt colony in Virginia, or having been nominated for adventurers, in theſe or any other our letters patents, or having been otherwiſe admitted and nominated to be of the ſaid company, have nevertheleſs, either not put in any adventure at all, for and towards the ſaid plantation, or elſe have refuſed and neglected, or ſhall refuſe and neglect, to bring in his or their adventure, by word or writing promiſed, within ſix months after the ſame ſhall be ſo payable and due.

IX. And whereas the failing and not payment of ſuch monies, as have been promiſed in adventure for the advancement of the ſaid plantation, hath been often by experience found, to be dangerous and prejudicial to the ſame, and much to have hindered the progreſs and proceeding of the ſaid plantation, and for that it ſeemeth unto Us a thing reaſonable, that ſuch perſons, as by their hand writing have engaged themſelves for the payment of their adventures, and afterwards neglecting their faith and promiſe, ſhould be compelled to make good and keep the ſame; therefore our will and pleaſure is, that in any ſuit or ſuits, commenced or to be commenced, in any of our Courts at Weſtminſter, or elſewhere, by the ſaid treaſurer and company, or otherwiſe, againſt any ſuch perſons, that our Judges for the time being, both in our Court of Chancery, and at the Common Pleas, do favour and further the ſaid ſuits, ſo far forth as law and equity will, in any wiſe, further and permit.

X. And we do, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, further give and grant to the ſaid treaſurer and company, or their ſucceſſors, for ever, that they, the ſaid treaſurer and company, or the greater part of them, for the time being, ſo in a full and general Court aſſembled, as aforeſaid, ſhall and may, from time to time, and at all times for ever hereafter, elect, chooſe, and admit into their company and ſociety, any perſon or perſons, as well ſtrangers and aliens, born in any part beyond the ſeas whereſoever, being in amity with us, as our natural liege-ſubjects, born in any our realms and dominions: and that all ſuch perſons, ſo elected, choſen, and admitted to be of the ſaid company, as aforeſaid, ſhall thereupon be taken, reputed, and held, and ſhall be free members of the ſaid company, and ſhall have, hold, and enjoy all and ſingular freedoms, liberties, franchiſes, privileges, immunities, benefits, profits, and commodities, whatſoever, to the ſaid company in any ſort belonging or appertaining, as fully, freely, and amply, as any other adventurers, now being, or which hereafter at any time ſhall be of the ſaid company, hath, have, ſhall, may, might, or ought to have and enjoy the ſame, to all intents and purpoſes whatſoever.

XI. And we do further, of our eſpecial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, give and grant unto the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, for ever, by theſe preſents, that it ſhall be lawful and free, for them and their aſſigns, at all and every time and times hereafter, out of any our realms and dominions whatſoever, to take, lead, carry, and tranſport, in and into the ſaid voyage, and for and towards the ſaid plantation of our ſaid firſt colony in Virginia, all ſuch and ſo many of our loving ſubjects, or any other ſtrangers that will become our loving ſubjects, and live under our allegiance, as ſhall willingly accompany them in the ſaid voyages and plantation; with ſhipping, armour, weapons, ordinance, munition, powder, ſhot, victuals, and all manner of merchandiſes and wares, and all manner of cloathing, implements, furniture, beaſts, cattle, horſes, mares, and all other things neceſſary for the ſaid plantation, and for their uſe and defence, and for trade with the people there, and in paſſing and returning to and from, without paying or yielding any ſubſidy, cuſtom, or impoſition, either inward or outward, or any other duty, to Us, our heirs, or ſucceſſors, for the ſame, for the ſpace of ſeven years from the date of theſe preſents.

XII. And we do further, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, give and grant to the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, for ever, by theſe preſents, that the ſaid treaſurer of that company, or his deputy, for the time being, or any two other of the ſaid Council for the ſaid firſt colony in Virginia, for the time being, or any two other at all times hereafter, and from time to time, have full power and authority, to miniſter and give the oath and oaths of ſupremacy and allegiance, or either of them, to all and every perſon and perſons, which ſhall, at any time or times hereafter, go or paſs to the ſaid colony in Virginia.

XIII. And further, that it ſhall be lawful likewiſe for the ſaid treaſurer or his deputy, for the time being, or any two or others of our ſaid Council for the

ſaid firſt colony in Virginia, for the time being, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to minister ſuch a formal oath, as by their diſcretion ſhall be reaſonably deviſed, as well unto any perſon or perſons, employed in, for, or touching the ſaid plantation, for their honeſt, faithful, and juſt diſcharge of their ſervice, in all ſuch matters, as ſhall be committed unto them for the good and benefit of the ſaid company, colony, and plantation; as alſo, unto ſuch other perſon or perſons, as the ſaid treaſurer or his deputy, with two others of the ſaid Council, ſhall think meet, for the examination or clearing of the truth, in any cauſe whatſoever concerning the ſaid plantation, or any buſineſs, from thence proceeding, or thereunto belonging.

XIV. And furthermore, whereas we have been certified, that divers lewd and ill-diſpoſed perſons, both ſailors, ſoldiers, artificers, huſbandmen, labourers, and others, having received wages, apparel, and other entertainment from the ſaid company, or having contracted and agreed with the ſaid company, to go, or to ſerve, or to be employed in the ſaid plantation of the ſaid firſt colony in Virginia, have afterwards, either withdrawn, hid, or concealed themſelves, or have refuſed to go thither, after they have been ſo entertained and agreed withal; and that divers and ſundry perſons alſo, which have been ſent and employed in the ſaid plantation of the ſaid firſt colony in Virginia, at and upon the charge of the ſaid company, and having there miſbehaved themſelves by mutinies, ſedition, or other notorious miſdemeanors, or having been employed or ſent abroad, by the governor of Virginia, or his deputy, with ſome ſhip or pinnance, for our proviſion of the ſaid colony, or for ſome diſcovery, or other buſineſs and affairs, concerning the ſame, have from thence moſt treacherouſly, either come back again and returned into our realm of England, by ſtealth, or without licence of our governor of our ſaid colony in Virginia, for the time being, or have been ſent hither, as miſdoers and offenders; and that many alſo of thoſe perſons, after their return from thence, having been queſtioned by our ſaid Council here, for ſuch their miſbehaviours and offences, by their inſolent and contemptuous carriage in the preſence of our ſaid Council, have ſhewed little reſpect and reverence, either to the place, or authority, in which we have placed and appointed them; and others, for the colouring of their lewdneſs and miſdemeanours committed in Virginia, have endeavoured, by moſt vile and ſlanderous reports, made and divulged, as well of the country of Virginia, as alſo of the government and eſtate of the ſaid plantation and colony, as much as in them lay, to bring the ſaid voyage and plantation into diſgrace and contempt; by means whereof, not only the adventurers and planters, already engaged in the ſaid plantation, have been exceedingly abuſed and hindered, and a great number of other our loving and well-diſpoſed ſubjects, otherwiſe well-affected, and inclined to join and adventure in ſo noble, chriſtian, and worthy an action, have been diſcouraged from the ſame, but alſo the utter overthrow and ruin of the ſaid enterprize hath been greatly endangered, which cannot miſcarry without ſome diſhonour to Us and our kingdom.

XV. Now, foraſmuch as it appeareth unto us, that theſe inſolences, miſdemeanors, and abuſes, not to be tolerated in any civil government, have, for the moſt part, grown and proceeded, in regard our ſaid Council have not any direct power and authority, by any expreſs words in our former letters patents, to correct and chaſtiſe ſuch offenders; we therefore, for the more ſpeedy reformation of ſo great and enormous abuſes and miſdemeanors, heretofore practiced and committed, and for the preventing of the like hereafter, do, by theſe preſents, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, give and grant to the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, for ever, that it ſhall and may be lawful for our ſaid Council for the ſaid firſt colony in Virginia, or any two of them, (whereof the ſaid treaſurer or his deputy, for the time being, to be always one) by warrant under their hands, to ſend for, or to cauſe to be apprehended, all and every ſuch perſon and perſons, who ſhall be noted, or accuſed, or found, at any time or times hereafter, to offend, or miſbehave themſelves, in any the offences before mentioned and expreſſed; and upon the examination of any ſuch offender or offenders, and juſt proof made by oath, taken before the ſaid Council, of any ſuch notorious miſdemeanors by them committed, as aforeſaid; and alſo upon any inſolent, and contemptuous, or indecent carriage and miſbehaviour, to or againſt our ſaid Council, ſhewed or uſed by any ſuch perſon or perſons, ſo called, convented, and appearing before them, as aforeſaid; that in all ſuch caſes, they, our ſaid Council, or any two of them, for the time being, ſhall and may have full power and authority, either here to bind them over with good ſureties for their good behaviour, and further therein to proceed, to all intents and purpoſes, as it is uſed, in other like caſes, within our realm of England; or elſe, at their diſcretions, to remand and ſend them back, the ſaid offenders, or any of them, unto the ſaid colony in Virginia, there to be proceeded againſt and puniſhed, as the governor, deputy, or council there, for the time being, ſhall think meet; or otherwiſe, according to ſuch laws and ordinances, as are and ſhall be in uſe there, for the well-ordering and good government of the ſaid colony.

XVI. And for the more effectual advancing of the ſaid plantation, we do further, for Us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, of our ſpecial grace and favour, by virtue of our prerogative royal, and by the aſſent and conſent of the Lords and others of our privy council, give and grant, unto the ſaid treaſurer and company, full power and authority, free leave, liberty, and licence, to ſet forth, erect, and publiſh, one or more lottery or lotteries, to have continuance, and to endure and be held, for the ſpace of our whole year, next after the opening of the ſame; and after the end and expiration of the ſaid term, the ſaid lottery or lotteries to continue and be further kept, during our will and pleaſure only, and not otherwiſe. And yet nevertheleſs, we are contented and pleaſed, for the good and welfare of the ſaid plantation, that the ſaid treaſurer and company ſhall, for the diſpatch and finiſhing of the ſaid lottery or lotteries, have ſix months warning after the ſaid year ended, before our will and pleaſure ſhall, for and on that behalf, be conſtrued, deemed, and adjudged, to be in any wiſe altered and determined.

XVII. And our further will and pleaſure is, that the ſaid lottery and lotteries ſhall and may be opened and held, within our city of London, or alſo

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other city or town, or elſewhere, within this our realm of England, with ſuch prizes, articles, conditions, and limitations, as to them, the ſaid treaſurer and company, in their diſcretions, ſhall ſeem convenient.

XVIII. And that it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for the ſaid treaſurer and company, to elect and chooſe recivers, auditors, ſurveyors, commiſſioners, or any other officers whatſoever, at their will and pleaſure, for the better marſhalling, diſpoſing, guiding, and governing of the ſaid lottery and lotteries; and that it ſhall likewiſe be lawful, to and for the ſaid treaſurer and any two of the ſaid Council, to miniſter to all and every ſuch perſon, ſo elected and choſen for officers, as aforeſaid, one or more oaths, for their good behaviour, juſt and true dealing, in and about the ſaid lottery or lotteries, to the intent and purpoſe, that none of our loving ſubjects, putting in their names, or otherwiſe adventuring in the ſaid general lottery or lotteries, may be, in any wiſe, defrauded and deceived of their ſaid monies, or evil and indirectly dealt withal in their ſaid adventures.

XIX. And we further grant, in manner and form aforeſaid, that it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for the ſaid treaſurer and company, under the ſeal of our ſaid Council for the plantation, to publiſh, or to cauſe and procure to be publiſhed, by proclamation or otherwiſe (the ſaid proclamation to be made in their name, by virtue of theſe preſents) the ſaid lottery or lotteries, in all cities, towns, boroughs, and other places, within our ſaid realm of England; and we will and command all Mayors, Juſtices of Peace, ſheriffs, bailiffs, conſtables, and other officers and loving ſubjects, whatſoever, that, in no wiſe, they hinder or delay the progreſs and proceedings of the ſaid lottery or lotteries, but be therein, touching the premiſes, aiding, and aſſiſting, by all honeſt, good, and lawful means and endeavours.

XX. And further our will and pleaſure is, that in all queſtions and doubts, that ſhall ariſe, upon any difficulty of conſtruction or interpretation of any thing, contained in theſe, or any other our former letters patents, the ſame ſhall be taken and interpreted, in moſt ample and beneficial manner for the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, and every member thereof.

XXI. And laſtly, we do, by theſe preſents, ratify and confirm unto the ſaid treaſurer and company, and their ſucceſſors, for ever, all and all manner of privileges, franchiſes, liberties, immunities, preheminences, profits, and commodities, whatſoever, granted unto them in any our former letters patents, and not in theſe preſents revoked, altered, changed, or abridged. Although expreſs mention of the true yearly value or certainty of the premiſes, or any of them, or of any other gift or grant, by Us or any of our progenitors or predeceſſors, to the aforeſaid treaſurer and company heretofore made, in theſe preſents is not made; or any ſtatute, act, ordinance, proviſion, proclamation, or reſtraint, to the contrary thereof heretofore made, ordained, or provided, or any other matter, cauſe, or thing, whatſoever, to the contrary, in any wiſe, notwithſtanding.

In witneſs whereof we have cauſed theſe our letters to be made patents. Witneſs Ourſelf, at Weſtminſter, the twelfth day of March, in the ninth year of our reign of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the five-and-fortieth.